

73 which span the angle illustrated at α in Fig. 5. In this kind of arrangement, the projecting teeth are arranged in a kind of butterfly manner as such is pictured in Fig. 5. Such teeth are disposed, with the device in place on a measuring tape, on laterally opposite sides, or edges, of tape element 52. Other workpiece-gripping capabilities, and another type of perimeter array of projecting teeth, are illustrated, as above mentioned, in Figs. 8-10, inclusive.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 18, and ending on page 14, line 3, with the following paragraph:

Figs. 14 and 15 illustrate at 86 what might be thought of as a bookfold kind of device made in accordance with the invention. The part in device 86 which corresponds to a planar body expanse is shown at 86a and this expanse faces another roughly matching-outline expanse 86b. Distributed along the perimeter edge of expanse 86a is edge structure including tooth-like projections 86c. This distribution of workpiece-engaging projection elements has an arrangement which is very much like that pictured for the device in Fig. 13. In other words, device 86 has a somewhat rectangular shape like the device pictured in Fig. 13.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 7-9, inclusive, and 12-18, inclusive, as follows:

1. (Amended) A workpiece surface-gripping device joinable adjacent the outer end of an elongate, ribbon-like and generally nominally planar linear measuring tape comprising

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a gripper body having a generally planar body expanse with perimeter structure which generally circumsurrounds said body expanse, said perimeter structure being formed with a row of plural, spaced, perimeter-distributed, workpiece surface-gripping projection elements adapted to contact and grip the far surface of a workpiece having a dimension which is being measured relative to that surface, and

mounting structure joined to said body expanse, and accommodating mounting of the device on such a tape at a location adjacent the tape's outer end, and in such a manner that different workpiece surface-gripping projection elements that are present in said row in said perimeter structure are operatively located on, and in spaced relation to, opposite sides of the tape's nominal plane, and with said elements generally extending toward the tape.

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3. (Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein said body expanse has a perimeter structure which is generally polygonal, with plural, generally straight-linear runs that intersect at angles to form corners.

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7. (Amended) A workpiece surface-gripping device joinable adjacent the outer end of an elongate, ribbon-like and generally planar linear measuring tape comprising

a gripper body including plural, generally line-following, perimeter-distributed workpiece surface-engaging projection elements arranged generally in a kind of two-dimensional, long-path array, and

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mounting structure joined to said body and accommodating mounting of the device on such a tape at a location adjacent the tape's outer end, and in a condition wherein projection elements in the body generally extend toward the tape, and are distributed generally in a laterally *BD* ~~circumsurrounding~~ fashion relative to the tape's long axis, and whereby workpiece surface gripping by said projection elements during use of the measuring tape can take place generally and selectively in substantially all longitudinally ~~circumsurrounding~~ regions near the tape's outer end.

8. (Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein said body expanse is generally circular, said perimeter structure is generally annular, and said projection elements are tooth-like in configuration.

9. (Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein said body expanse has a perimeter structure which is generally polygonal, with plural, generally straight-linear rims that intersect at angles to form corners.

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12. (Amended) A workpiece surface-gripping device removably joinable selectively adjacent the outer end of an elongate, ribbon-like, and generally planar linear measuring tape, said device comprising

a generally planar gripper body which has a perimeter formed with plural, spaced, linearly-distributed, workpiece surface-gripping projection elements, and

snap-fit mounting structure joined to said body and adapted for fitting of the device onto such a tape, with the plane of the gripper body substantially paralleling the

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plane of the tape-end projection, and with said projection elements generally extending toward such a tape.

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13. (Amended) A tape-measuring device comprising
an elongate, ribbon-like and generally nominally planar measuring tape having an exposed free end, and

a workpiece surface-gripping device joined to said tape adjacent the tape's said free end, said surface-gripping device including

a gripper body having a generally planar body expanse with perimeter structure which generally circumsurrounds said body expanse, said perimeter structure being formed with a row of plural, spaced, perimeter-distributed workpiece surface-gripping projection elements, and

~ mounting structure joined to said body expanse, and directly mounting said surface-gripping device on said tape's free end in such a manner that different workpiece surface-gripping elements that are present in said perimeter structure are operatively located on, and in spaced relation to, opposite sides of the tape's nominal plane, with these elements generally extending toward said tape.

14. (Amended) A workpiece surface-gripping device joinable adjacent the outer end of an elongate, ribbon-like and generally nominally planar, linear measuring tape, which tape includes a measurement-indicia side and a non-indicia side disposed on opposite sides of the tape's generally nominal plane, said device comprising

a gripper body including a row of plural, generally arcuate, linearly perimeter-distributed workpiece surface-engaging projection elements arranged generally in a kind of two-dimensional, long-path array, and

^ mounting structure joined to said body and accommodating mounting of the device as a whole on such a tape at a location adjacent the tape's outer end, and in a condition wherein the arcuate, linearly distributed projection elements generally extend toward the tape, and are deployed along a curved line which resides generally entirely on the non-indicia side of the tape relative to the tape's generally nominal plane.

15. (Amended) A workpiece surface-gripping device joinable adjacent the outer end of an elongate, ribbon-like and generally nominally planar linear measuring tape, which tape includes lateral edges, and a measurement-indicia side, and a non-indicia side disposed on opposite sides of the tape's generally nominal plane and each extending between said lateral edges, said device comprising

a gripper body including a row of plural, generally linearly perimeter-distributed workpiece surface-gripping projection elements arranged generally in at least two, spaced, arcuate linear arrays, and

mounting structure joined to said body and accommodating mounting of the device as a whole on such a tape at a location adjacent the tape's outer end, and in a condition wherein at least two arcuate arrays of projection elements straddle the tape's generally nominal plane in two, laterally-spaced regions which are located near the tape's lateral edges, with said elements generally extending toward the tape.

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16. (Amended) A tape-measuring device comprising
an elongate, ribbon-like and generally nominally planar measuring tape having an
exposed free end, and
a workpiece surface-gripping device joined to said tape adjacent the tape's said
free end, said surface-gripping device including
a gripper body including a row of plural, generally arcuate, linearly perimeter-
distributed, workpiece surface-engaging projection elements arranged generally in a kind
of two-dimensional, long-path array, and
mounting structure joined to said body, and directly mounting said surface-
gripping device on said tape's free end in such a manner that different surface-engaging
elements that are present in said long-path array are operatively located on, and in spaced
relation to, opposite sides of the tape's nominal plane, with these elements generally
extending toward the tape.

17. (Amended) A workpiece surface-gripping device removably joinable
selectively adjacent the outer end of an elongate, ribbon-like, and generally planar linear
measuring tape of the kind having a lateral projection which extends one-sidedly,
laterally and generally outwardly, in a plane which is disposed at an angle relative to the
plane of the tape per se, said device comprising
a generally planar gripper body which is formed with a row of plural, spaced,
perimeter-distributed, workpiece surface-gripping projection elements, and